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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, please amend claims 36-38 as follows and please enter the following remarks.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A re-configurable vehicle roof rack system comprising:

a collapsible storage surface movable between a first position and a second position, the collapsible storage surface having a closed position and a deployed position;

a first guide rail and a second guide rail affixed to the vehicle roof;

a first connecting member moveably affixed to the first guide rail and hingedly connected to the storage surface;

a second connecting member moveably affixed to the second guide rail and hingedly connected to the collapsible storage surface wherein the first and second connecting members slide along the first and second guide rails to move the storage surface between a first position generally coincident with a roof of a vehicle and a second position wherein the collapsible storage surface being generally coincident with a lateral side of a vehicle and while in the deployed position serve as a mounting surface on the side of a vehicle.

Claim 36. (CANCELLED).